



Latino Advisory Council

April 3rd, 2019

Special Meeting—Contracts & Preparation for Director's Meeting
1911 S Indiana Ave
Chicago, IL 60616

Chair-Person:

Nancy Rodriguez

Past

Chair-Person:

Juanita Calderon

Chair-Elect:

Julia Monzon

Scribe:

Patricia Boscan

DCFS Members:

Vanessa Castro
Yvonne Cordero
Jose Garcia
Maria Hernandez
Sydney Juarez
Evelyn Martinez
Azalea Mejia
Beatriz Ramirez
Yeni Rojas
Liliana Romero

POS Members:

Patricia Aguilar
Jennifer Contreras
Lisa Marie Perez

Ex Officio

Members:

Jose J. Lopez, OLS
Daniel Fitzgerald

Committees:

Child Safety and
Permanency

Community Risk
Reduction and
Staffing

Data validity and
Disproportionality

Strategic
Communications

Latino Family
Institute

Ad Hoc: POS

Special Meeting Minutes

Present: Nancy Rodriguez; Jose Garcia; Beatriz Ramirez; Liliana Romero; Patricia Boscan; Yeni Rojas; Julia Monzon; Azalea Mejia; Daniel Fitzgerald

By Phone: Vanessa Castro;

Excused: Juanita Calderon; Lisa M. Perez; Yvonne Cordero; Maria Hernandez; Sydney Juarez; Evelyn Martinez; Patricia Aguilar; Jennifer Contreras

Guests: Jose A. Medina

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Nancy Rodriguez opens the meeting asking for feedback on contract administrator, Douglas Washington's, presentation.

The group agreed that Washington seeks a relationship with the Council as experts. A collaboration with LAC would include suggesting existing/new providers that do not have the resources to make the directory, to identify services and to demonstrate areas of need in the communities the Council serves.

It is agreed that the areas of need we want to see providers operating in should be an item on the agenda for the Director's Meeting. Yeni Rojas states that the Council may rely on her committee (Child Safety & Permanency) to identify resources.

The group suggested resources such as counseling, therapy (and play therapy), transportation.

Julia advises the Council makes contracts a part of the Director's meeting agenda. Daniel suggests the Council acquire a list of bilingual providers (existing), a needs assessment and that the group work with immersion site directors who have been collecting this information.

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Meeting adjourned 3:10 p.m.

Scribe: Patricia Boscan